Setting up of Food Security Tribunals

957. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether to ensure a foolproof mechanism to enforce accountability under the proposed Food Security Act (FSA), Government has decided to set up Food Security Tribunals at all levels of governance;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether to evolve a clear methodology to accountability in implementation of FSA, the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has given their views; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and further reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) As announced by the Hon'ble President of India in her address to the joint session of Parliament on 04.06.2009, Government proposes to enact a National Food Security Act.

At present various aspects of the proposed law, including mechanism to enforce accountability through setting up of Food Security Tribunals etc., are under examination in consultation with State/Union Territory Government and various Central Ministries.

Measures to check price rise of sugar

958. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has adopted a slew of measures to check rising sugar prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent those measures have proved effective;

(c) whether Government has also allowed companies to import raw sugar to meet the demand and also to contain price rise of sugar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has taken a slew of measures to augment domestic stocks of sugar and to moderate prices of sugar in the open market. Details of these measures are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). As a result of these measures, the ex-mill prices of sugar remained subdued upto the month of July, 2009. However, indications that sugar production in